



SUNDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2025 PARISH of Ss PETER AND PAUL, KIAMA

*Incorporating the Church Communities of
St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong; St Matthew's, Jamberoo;
and Ss Peter & Paul, Kiama.*

Next Weekend's Mass Times – 15/16 February 2025

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Vigil 6:00pm; Sunday 8:00am and 6:00pm

St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong and St Matthew's Jamberoo – Sunday 9:30am

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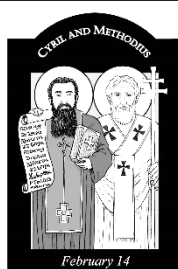
WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday 11/2 5.00pm

Wednesday 12/2 8:00am

Thursday 13/2 8:00am

Friday 14/2 9:30am *Sts Cyril & Methodius*



RECONCILIATION: Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

Every Saturday: 8:30am – 9:00am (except Easter Saturday) **Monthly:** first Saturday, 5:00pm – 5:30pm.

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS: by arrangement.

BAPTISMS: Kiama – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

9 February: Group 2 – Ross Smith

16 February: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

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OVERCOMING DISCOURAGEMENT

Jesus had just cured Simon Peter's mother-in-law as one of His first miracles. As a result of this and other miracles, Peter's entire hometown of Capernaum, as well as many of the surrounding towns, were quickly coming to faith in Jesus. Today's Gospel takes place during this initial excitement over our Lord. In it, Jesus personally invites Peter to become an Apostle, promising to make him a fisher of men.

There is much symbolism in this passage worth pondering. First, notice that Jesus uses something very familiar to Peter to invite Him to become one of the Twelve Apostles. He used his trade of fishing. This is similar to the way God used a star to draw the Magi, who were astrologers, to Bethlehem.

Another symbolic action Jesus uses is that of putting out "into deep water." It was not enough to simply go a short distance from shore. Instead, the deep water was to symbolize the fact that the

Gospel was to go forth to the ends of the earth, just as the fishermen were to fish in the depths of the sea.

Finally, the fact that they "caught a great number of fish" symbolizes the superabundance that would come forth through Peter's apostolic ministry. And the fact that the "nets were tearing" points to the fullness that everyone will experience when they embark upon the mission of Christ.

Though the symbolic aspects of this Gospel passage are worth much prayerful pondering, there is another line within the Gospel that might speak to you just as powerfully. Peter had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. The fact that he relates this to Jesus suggests that he was tired and perhaps even discouraged. Any fisherman could relate to this. But the important lesson Peter teaches us is that he does not give



in to that discouragement. And the reason he doesn't give in to discouragement is because it was Jesus Who commanded him to lower the nets.

In our own lives, we can all get discouraged at times. But the real test of our fidelity to God is whether or not we continue to listen to His commands of love and respond generously, dispelling any temptations to discouragement when things do not seem to be going our way. If we can do this, it is especially in these moments that God often uses us in powerful ways.

Reflect, today, upon the voice of God in your life. What is it that you sense Him calling you to do? What is that "deep water" to which He is calling you? As you ponder this, reflect especially upon the words of Peter, "Master...at your command I will lower the nets." Say "Yes" to the command of our Lord. Do so even if it is difficult, and especially if you do not feel like doing what He asks of you. If you do, you will find that in this act of fidelity, God will bring forth an abundance of good fruit.

PARISH NOTICES

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Wadi Wadi people of the Dharawal nation, who are the Traditional Custodians and First Peoples of the lands on which we worship.

AS A PARISH WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR:

Those who are sick:

John Cull; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Milton Mitchell; Kevin Dorahy; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Catherine O'Keefe (sister of Margaret Di Salvio); Carmelina Cassar; Marjorie Downes; Kevin O'Sullivan; Greg Twemlow; All recently deceased friends and relatives of parishioners.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

GERRINGONG MEMORIAL GARDEN



Spaces are available to purchase in the Memorial Garden at St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong for the interment of ashes, or for memorial plaques on the Memorial Wall. **Please note: spaces in the Memorial Garden are available to both Catholics and non-Catholics.** If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email kiamo@dow.org.au

ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR

* **Every Saturday** - 8:00am to 9:00am, Ss Peter and Paul Church, **Kiama**. The hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Perpetual Succour Novena, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

* **Every Monday starting from 3 February 2025** - 3:00pm -



4:00pm, St Mary Star of the Sea Church, **Gerringong**. An invitation to all, to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to attend.

SVDP HELP CENTRE

Mondays – 4.00pm to 5.00pm (excluding public holidays)

SVDP Kiama Conference operates a Help Centre in the Parish Meeting Room, Kiama, for those seeking assistance. People must phone for an appointment. **Calls and texts are taken from 12:00pm each Monday only. Please phone 0402 518 377.**

Current income statements and ID are required.

* *If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, new members are always welcome to join the team. All enquiries can be made through the Parish Office.*

PARISH PLAYGROUP



Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall, Kiama
Wednesdays, 9:00am – 11:30am.

Term 1 – 19 February; 5 & 19 March, 2 April.

For further details please contact Susie Hartley on 0438 377 292.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT US THROUGH PARISH GIVING

If you would like to help support our Parish, either through a one-off donation or via regular giving, please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/> for access to the different ways to give, including wills and bequests. Alternatively, you can donate to a specific collection via our bank details below:

* FIRST COLLECTION

(supporting our priests)

Account name: Kiama Presbytery;
BSB: 066711; **Account number:** 002126

* SECOND COLLECTION

(supporting our Parish)

Account name: Kiama Parish;
BSB: 066711; **Account number:** 001774

INSPIRATIONAL CDS

Check out our range of Inspirational CDs located in the white stand at the back of Ss Peter & Paul Church and be inspired! Only \$5 per CD.

SACRAMENTS 2025



Information and enrolment forms for the 2025 Confirmation Program are now available on the Parish website. Visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

Information for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be advertised once dates have been set.

Enrolments close on the following dates:

- * **Confirmation** – Friday, 21 March
- * **First Reconciliation** – Still to be organised
- * **First Holy Communion** – Still to be organised

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855.

LITURGY MEETING

Lent/Easter tide liturgies are soon upon us. This Jubilee year are YOU called to join the parish liturgy team to prepare the beautiful Triduum ceremonies? We will need new supporters and organisers 2025 as some others, after many years, step down. Come and join us - you will be warmly welcomed! **WHEN: Thursday, 13 February 5:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room.** If you can't make the meeting but are interested in supporting this central church ministry ring the Parish Office or Fran on 0428 317 014.

HELP NEEDED

Catechists are needed this year for several classes in our local schools.

* Year 3 and 5/6 at Minnamurra PS Tuesday at 12:00pm

* Year 2 at Gerringong PS Friday 9:00am

* All classes at Kiama PS Wednesday 12:55pm and 1:55pm

Please consider joining our Parish Catechist Group, so that all children may come to know the love of Jesus in their lives. *It's really not as difficult or as daunting as you may think.* If you would like to find out what is involved call Gai on 0401468209.

DEATH CAFE

Talking about death won't kill us! Friday, 14 March, 2:30pm. Gerringong Library. Afternoon Tea provided. Book through

Kiama Library (4233 1133) or online at <https://library.kiama.nsw.gov.au/Events/Adults-events/Seniors-Festival-Death-Cafe-Gerringong-Library>

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

The Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting is held on the second Monday of each month at 1:30pm for 2:00pm start, Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room. New or interested members are welcome. Diocesan Membership fees for 2025 are due at the meeting on **Monday, 10 February** and World Day of Prayer is the item on this month's agenda.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Theme: The Cook Islands
Friday, 7 March, 10:30am**

Christian Women from the Cook Islands have prepared the service booklets. Invitations to all for the one-hour World Day of Prayer ecumenical service, which will be held at both **Ss Peter and Paul Kiama** and **St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong**. To assist the International work of The Bible Society a cash donation collection will take place at the service. Light refreshments will follow in Ss Peter and Paul Hall and Gerringong Meeting Room. Enquiries: Kiama - Anne Hassett 0418 207 860; Gerringong - Fran Egan 0428 317 014.

HELP NEEDED

KBECET (Combined Churches supporting the KHS scripture teacher) are holding a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser Saturday 15 February. If anyone is interested in helping out for a couple of hours, please call Gai on 0401 468 209. Thank you for your support. **Note:** If you are unsure of what KBECET is and how our Parish supports this Ministry please give Gai a call.

KBECET NEWS

(Combined Churches Supporting Kiama High School Scripture teacher)
Following the resignation of Kiama High School Scripture teacher, Wicky Ochieng, the combined churches Board, KBECET, is pleased to announce the appointment of Ryan Sherring to the position, which commenced on 20 January. Ryan is a 40-year-old family man with a background in the Baptist church and significant experience in youth ministry as well as the health and fitness industry. Ryan is deeply committed to prayer, living out

the Kingdom and passing on the faith to a new generation. Part of the vision we have for Ryan is to not only build on the exemplary foundation laid by Wicky but to grow the role in new and creative ways. Your prayerful support of Ryan through this first year is appreciated.

DIOCESAN LENTEN PROGRAM "METANOIA"

This Lent, embark on a journey of metanoia — a transformative change of heart inspired by the Gospels. Let this beautifully designed, 76-page, full-colour companion guide your spiritual renewal through daily reflections, Sunday readings and reflections, spiritual direction, prayers, and group discussion questions.

YOUR SPIRITUAL GUIDES

For the Sundays of Lent, we are honoured to have:

- Fr John Corrigan whose beautiful and challenging Gospel reflections illuminate Christ's teachings.
- Mother Hilda Scott OSB our spiritual director, who invites us into a deeper encounter with God's love.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- *Artwork Spotlight Reflections* by Monsignor Graham Schmitzer with an accompanying visio divina — an ancient Christian prayer allowing your heart and imagination to engage with sacred images in silence.
- *The Passion of St Thérèse of Lisieux*: a poignant reflection by Mons Graham Schmitzer marking the centenary of her canonisation.
- Daily reflections crafted by 21 extraordinary contributors worldwide, promising inspiration and challenge.
- *A detailed examination of conscience* to deepen your Lenten journey.

The books are now available from the Parish Office during the office opening hours. Get in quick because stock is limited. A small number of accompanying CD's also available for those running Lenten Groups. Book cost: \$5. CD cost: \$5.

JAMBEROO ABBEY RETREATS

* **Metanoia: A change of heart** - *Day Retreat, 8 March*. Join us this Lent for a day of reflection as we explore what it means to experience a genuine change of heart. "Metanoia" invites us to more

than simple repentance – it calls us to transformation, to seeing our lives and our world with new eyes. Retreat Cost: \$50 (*Limited space available*)

* **Hospitality: A versatile Charism - Cottage Weekend Retreat, 14 - 16 March**. There is an invitation in these uncertain times to go deeper, a call to a deeper contemplative living which is rooted in the unconditionally hospitable embrace of God. From this place we are enabled to embrace ourselves with unconditional hospitality from which a natural flow extends to the embrace of the other – as our very self. Retreat Cost: \$150 + accommodation cost.

* **Oblate Weekend - Cottage Weekend Retreat, 21 - 23 March**. A weekend retreat for Oblates of Jamberoo Abbey. Retreat Cost: \$150 + accommodation cost.

CURSILLO WEEKEND

Ladies of the Wollongong Diocese are invited to a 3-day Cursillo weekend at Carmel House, Varroville. Talks, discussion, friendship, daily Mass and Spiritual guidance on request. Our Spiritual Director is Fr Chris Roberts. The weekend commences Thursday evening, 6 March, and concludes Sunday afternoon, 9 March 2025. For further information please contact Margaret French 0417 041 721 or email cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com

THE GREAT WARNING FILM

In a world where the inexplicable becomes reality, this documentary immerses us in the impactful experiences of people from different countries, unknown to each other but united by a common destiny. Through dramatic and gripping accounts, these individuals reveal that they have lived through supernatural encounters linked to ancient prophecies and biblical passages. Their testimonies, filled with mystery and wonder, converge in an alarming revelation: an event of unimaginable proportions is about to occur and will change the course of humanity forever. This documentary film invites us to question our perception of reality and warns us of an imminent future we cannot ignore.

One screening only - Gala Cinema Warrarong, Monday, 10 February at 6:30pm.

Buy your tickets at <https://fan-force.com/screenings/the-great-warning-gala-twin-cinema/>

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

9 FEBRUARY 2025

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;

'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 16 FEBRUARY

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year C/1**

1ST READING: Is 6:1-8

PSALM: Ps 137:1-5, 7-8 *(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 15:1-11

GOSPEL: Lk 5:1-11